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A WEEK'S HISTORY

The Important Happenings of a Week Briefly Told.

IN ALL PARTS OF THE UNION

All the Latest News of Interest from Washington, From the East, the West and the South.

THE LATEST FOREIGN DISPATCHES

FROM WASHINGTON.

Milton Whitney, of the agricultural department, has completed an elaborate report on causes and extent of deterioration in soil in various parts of the country.

During the last five months of the operation of the Philippine tariff act tariff collections on goods imported into the United States from the Philippines amounted to \$1,194.

The statement of the public debt is issued on the 10th shows that the debt decreased \$15,515,646 during the month of August.

The cash balance in the treasury was \$239,491,500. The total debt, less the cash in the treasury, amounts to \$266,091,321.

After considering the long delayed report of Commissioner of Labor Carlisle D. Wright, Attorney General Knox concludes that President Roosevelt is powerless to interfere in the anthracite miners' strike.

In August the receipts of the treasury department were \$48,005,512, and the expenditures \$42,650,000.

Carroll D. Wright, commissioner of labor, in his report on the anthracite coal strike says there is no confidence between employer and employee, and this he believes is one of the chief causes of the difficulties.

THE EAST.

New Pittsfield, Mass., President Roosevelt had a narrow escape from death and was slightly injured in a collision between his carriage and a trolley car.

Secret Service Agent Craig was killed and Secretary Cortelyou wounded. The carriage was demolished and President Roosevelt was returned to his home at Oyster Bay.

At the age of 65 years Edward Eggleston, clergyman, novelist and historian, died at his home at Lake George, N. Y.

At Williamsburg, N. Y., five men were killed by the collapse of a steel tank under which they were working.

It is said that Gov. Stone, of Pennsylvania, will call the legislature in extra session to end the coal strike.

In Harrisburg, Pa., Edgar S. Elwell & Co., proprietors of a law department store, failed for \$117,000.

New York and Chicago capitalists are about to invest \$3,000,000 in buying 300 coal yards.

The firm of A. J. Cummings & Co., one of the largest coal dealers in the country, failed for \$1,000,000.

The president, who has fully recovered from his experience in Pittsfield, Mass., is receiving a flood of messages from every point in the world rejoicing over his escape from death.

Along the Norfolk & Western railroad in West Virginia miners decided to return to work and it is believed that strikers in other regions will follow the same course.

WEST AND SOUTH.

Spain's young king borrows his ministers and the priests by refusing to receive religious orders.

In Chicago a special grand jury has begun investigation of tax-filing frauds.

In Arkansas Jefferson Davis (dem.) has been re-elected governor by 25,000 majority.

The Iowa socialists met in Davenport and nominated a state ticket headed by W. A. Jacobs, of Davenport, for secretary of state.

In California the democrats have nominated Franklin K. Lane, of San Francisco, for governor.

In convention at Des Moines Iowa democrats rejected a resolution to reaffirm specifically the Kansas City platform.

Richard Burke, of Michigan, was nominated for secretary of state.

Ohio democrats in convention nominated Rev. Herbert S. Bigelow, of Cincinnati, for secretary of state, and endorsed the Kansas City platform.

Hog Wilson (colored) was hanged near Stephens, Ark., by a mob for assaulting a young woman.

Wisconsin democrats have nominated David S. Rose, mayor of Milwaukee, for governor. The platform deals mainly in state issues and denounces Gov. La Follette.

The Nebraska socialists have nominated George E. Bigelow for governor.

Republicans have nominated Henry C. Adams for congress in the Second Wisconsin district and the democrats have nominated Mitchell Oliver in the Tenth district of Michigan.

In East St. Louis, Ill., Edward Beson (colored), charged with killing a white girl, was shot and killed by a mob.

Twenty persons were injured, 13 or more seriously, in a cable car crash in Chicago.

Failure to get work caused James B. Taylor and his wife to commit suicide at Des Moines, Ia.

In Lowell, Mich., Almy Kerekas is charged with attempted murder of George Morris by sending a poisoned headache powder through the mail.

Fire destroyed the Odeon theater in Cincinnati at a loss of \$50,000, and Music hall was damaged to the extent of \$10,000.

The Republicans in the Third Ohio district have renominated H. M. Nevins for congress.

Frosts occurred in northwestern Nebraska, portions of South Dakota and western Iowa.

Gen. Miles in order to inspect Pacific coast military defenses will sail from San Francisco for Manila September 20, instead of September 16, as at first intended.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

Hayti is likely to be annexed by the United States unless revolutions there cease.

The Polish residents of Posen gave a cold reception to the German emperor and empress on their arrival to view the troops.

Unable to reach Franz Josef land, the steamer Fridtjof returned to Tromsø, thus delaying the Arctic expedition.

The zone of Mont Pelée's destruction parallels that of last May's disaster. Official reports show that 1,000 lives were lost.

Twenty villages were destroyed and 700 persons were killed in a landslide near Tiflis, Russia.

In Canton, China, a Boxer proclamation has been posted inciting the slaughter of foreigners.

On the island of Martinique another volcanic eruption occurred in which 2,000 persons were reported to have perished and which inspired the fear that the entire island was doomed to destruction.

As prospects of Emperor Frederick were unavailing and the latter in an address cancelled the Poles by a promise not to interfere with their religious beliefs, traditions or racial peculiarities.

In a statement on the failure of his polar expedition Explorer Baldwin blamed open sea, poor ice and death of his dogs.

In London the international trades union congress rejected a resolution for the establishment of a court for compulsory arbitration of labor disputes.

The world's yield of grain this year is estimated as follows: Wheat, 2,905,320,000 bushels; rice, 1,379,948,000 bushels; barley, 1,141,840,000 bushels; oats, 2,904,730,000 bushels; corn, 2,973,440,000 bushels.

LATER NEWS.

Mr. Edward C. Clark, of the Fifth Illinois, was found guilty by a court martial of administering the water cure to Filipinos, and sentenced to one month's imprisonment and to pay a fine of \$50, has been restored to duty and ordered to return to his command.

A fleet of government steamers and barges is at work on the Missouri river at St. Joseph, Mo., to prevent that stream from making a threatened cut of a new channel on the Kansas side and leaving St. Joseph high and dry.

Secret Service Officer Craig, who was killed in the accident to the president's carriage at Pittsfield, Mass., was engaged to be married to Miss Katherine Murphy, a young lady of Washington.

The National Letter Carriers' association, in session at Denver, Col., on the 10th, re-elected J. C. Keller, of Cleveland, O., president, and chose Syracuse, N. Y., as the next meeting place.

President Roosevelt left Washington on the 10th, on his southern trip. The only stop he will make will be at Wheeling, W. Va., Chattanooga and Knoxville, Tenn., and Asheville, N. C.

The democratic state convention at Pocatello, Idaho, on the 10th, nominated Joseph H. Hutchinson for congress and the Kansas City platform and Wm. J. Bryan.

Thomas Lewis, a miner, living at Marquetteville, Ia., was arrested, on the 10th, charged with the murder of Leon Patterson and her brother, in St. Louis, Mo., on April 15 last.

Albert Mitchell, a negro, 102 years old, who was at one time a slave of Henry Clay, the Kentucky statesman, was found dead in his bed at New Albany, Ind., on the 10th.

Miss Mary Gamble, a well-known Cincinnati woman, who gave thousands of dollars annually to church and charity work, died at Cambridge, England, on the 10th.

An intimate friend of President Roosevelt says there is no truth in the report that the president intends to visit Colorado soon on a hunting trip.

The beef trust inquiry at St. Joseph, Mo., adjourned on the 10th, to meet at Jefferson City on September 15.

Martin C. Ruiz, a California pioneer, died at his home at Santa Monica, aged 107 years.

The body of a man found in a field near the town of Lowther, Ia., on the 10th, with a bullet hole in his head, has been identified as that of William Bartholin, who murdered his mother and sweetheart, in Chicago. He had committed suicide, but left a confession of the crimes of which he was charged, in which he says he had no assistance of any kind from any one.

President Roosevelt will arrive in St. Louis on October 1 and will visit the site of the World's fair in the afternoon, leaving the next day. Thirty-two states and territories will be represented on the occasion, as at that time the completion of sites for state buildings will take place.

President Roosevelt arrived at Chattanooga, Tenn., on the 10th, and was royally entertained by the citizens. He visited the famous battlefields in the vicinity of the city, and was present at a game of football between the local team and the team from the field of Chickamauga.

The gunboat Cretes-Pierrot, which was in the service of the Firminist party, was sunk in the harbor of Gonave, Hayti, by the German gunboat Panther. Thirty shots were fired into her. Germany regarded the vessel as a pirate.

Rev. F. Whaley was killed and his son had both arms shot to pieces in a fight with three men near Durant, T. T., on the 10th, the result of trouble between the parties of local standing.

The place of the Campbell Wall Paper Co. at Rogers, N. J., was destroyed by fire on the night of the 7th. The loss is \$175,000, and 500 people are thrown out of employment.

Gov. Taft of the Philippines intends that a great exhibit shall be made of that country at the World's fair. The appropriation for it already made exceeds \$500,000.

A mass meeting of 200 church people was held at Kansas City, Kan., on the 10th, at which a fund of \$300 was raised with which to begin a crusade against the liquor joints.

The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Fair, victims of the automobile accident in France, arrived at New York, on the 10th, on the steamer St. Louis.

Gen. James A. Williamson, who was commissioner of public lands under President Grant, died in New York, on the 10th.

Large volumes of same were being from Mount Vesuvius on the morning of the 10th.

MISSOURI STATE NEWS.

His Time Had Come to Shoot.

William T. Hunt, aged 30 years, attempted to shoot his wife at Nevada, the other day. After firing a revolver at Mrs. Hunt and missing her, Hunt ran to the rear of his hotel and shot himself. The bullet passed through his head just behind his ears. Physicians say he can not live. There is no known motive for the shooting. Mrs. Hunt says that her husband suffered a sunstroke about a year ago, and since then his mind has been temporarily unbalanced. Hunt has been a resident of Vernon county for 24 years.

In North Missouri.

The Corn Belt, issued by the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy railroad, has this to say about north Missouri corn and wheat: "By all reports the prospects are said to be good to excellent, except in the case of low ground, where the corn was in many cases overflooded and 'drowned out' by the recent heavy rains. Some estimates of yield are 100 bushels to the acre, the majority running from 45 to 65. Winter wheat: Twenty reports say fair, 15 good and 10 poor."

Minister Expelled From Church.

Among the committee reports filed at the North Missouri conference of the M. E. church, south, held at Chillicothe, was the verdict of the trial committee in charge of the case of Rev. J. M. Dempsey, of Lawson, who was charged with immorality. The council of elders, of which W. W. McMurtry was chairman, found Mr. Dempsey guilty. He was expelled from the conference and the church. Dempsey did not appear, though duly notified.

Cloudburst Near Poplar Bluff.

A cloudburst on Cape creek, ten miles northwest of Poplar Bluff, flooded the bottoms and caused great damage. A wave eight feet high went rolling down the creek, crushing everything in its path. Hooper's sawmill was flooded and badly damaged. Night Watchman Ben. Huff saved himself by seizing hold upon one of the company mules which was swimming for shore. The company lost a large quantity of logs and lumber.

Howard Sharp Cutty.

Howard Sharp was convicted of murder in the second degree in the circuit court at Paris, Mo. He shot and killed Robert Stone King, northwest of Paris, the 21st of last December. The trouble grew out of a petty quarrel. Sharp fired three shots, all of which took effect. His plea was self-defense. The verdict was a guilty one. The jurors on first ballot ranging from acquittal to capital punishment.

State Treasurer's Report.

State Treasurer R. P. Williams has submitted to Gov. A. M. Dockery his monthly report, showing the business of his office for August to be as follows:

Receipts, July 1st, \$2,480,527.88
Disbursements, July 1st, \$2,480,527.88
Total, July 1st, \$2,480,527.88
Receipts, August 1st, \$2,480,527.88
Disbursements, August 1st, \$2,480,527.88
Total, August 1st, \$2,480,527.88

Secretary of State's Report.

Secretary of State Sam B. Cook has made a report showing the receipts and disbursements of the state treasury for the following taxes and fees for the month of August:

Domestic corporation tax, \$1,100.00
Notarial commissions, \$50.00
Notary fees, \$50.00
Miscellaneous fees, \$50.00
Bank disbursement fees, \$50.00
Bank inspection fees, \$50.00
Recording railroad contracts, \$50.00
Total, \$2,480,527.88

The Erratic Missouri.

The ravages of the Missouri river just north of St. Joseph on large tracts of fertile bottom lands have reached such an alarming stage that a fleet of government steamers and barges has been brought into requisition for immediate action against the erratic currents.

Speedy Justice Meted Out.

John Topin, claiming to be of Chester, Ill., was caught in Moberly on the charge of stealing hides from Mrs. Baker's slaughterhouse, and before noon the following day he had been tried and sentenced to the penitentiary for four years.

Girl Was Crushed in Love.

Kelley Watson, a young woman of Seymour, Mo., committed suicide in Springfield by taking Paris green. Dependence on a love affair is believed to have been the cause.

Gas in Milk Road.

At Malta Bend, ten miles northwest of Marshall, the Saline County Developing Co. has struck a strong flow of gas at a depth of 50 feet.

Crushed Beneath a Wagon.

While working Sunday, that he might join in the Labor day parade, Eugene Sharkey, of St. Louis, was fatally crushed beneath a wagon.

Recent Deaths.

Andrew Quist, aged 70, one of the oldest citizens of Cooper county, at Pilot Grove.

Louisiana O'Leary.

Louisiana O'Leary, the first child born on the World's fair site, at St. Louis, was christened in the Administration building a few days ago.

St. Louis County Fair.

A force of men is busy making preparations for the St. Louis county fair, which will be held at Creve Coeur, September 11-16.

Their Golden Wedding.

Capt. Calvin Grinnell and wife celebrated their golden wedding at Clarksville, and tendered a reception to 600 visitors.

Dropped Dead in His Yard.

James A. Duffy, president of the Daily-Tribune press foundation, Hamilton, dropped dead in his yard from apoplexy.

His Golden Wedding.

A general gold wedding, with a capitalization of \$100,000, will be begun at St. Joseph, within the next six months.

Justice Served Fast.

Arthur Preston, 35 years of age, of St. Joseph, was sentenced to the penitentiary for a term of one year for a fall from a house.

A VICTORY FOR THE NAVY.

Admiral Higginson's Fleet Ran the Guns of Forts Adams and Witherell.

THE NAVAL OFFICERS CLAIM A VICTORY.

The Claim is Made on the Technical Ground That the Ships Were Brought Within Broadside Range Before They Were Picked Up by the Searchlights From the Land Defenses.

Newport, R. I., Sept. 6.—Two cruisers and three battleships of Admiral Higginson's fleet ran the guns of Forts Adams and Witherell Friday night, getting within broadside range for all their guns before they were picked up by the searchlights of the forts. The fact that the Brooklyn got to the mouth of the harbor before the searchlights were brought to bear is considered by naval men here to be a victory for the fleet.

When, after and ashore, the cannonading was at its height, the scene was one of grandeur. The racket woke up Newport as it was never aroused before. The gunners in the forts, after working the big guns for a few minutes, had to desert them and quickly man the secondary batteries. The rapid-firing guns made as great a din as the big ones, and if anything made the picture a livelier one. The five vessels kept in almost under Fort Adams, until within short range of the torpedo station, and then they appeared to anchor.

The firing stopped and it was supposed the great battle was ended. In half an hour the ships suddenly steamed out of the harbor in the same order as coming in, the Brooklyn leading. The ships did not fire, but they were within broadside range of the forts, and when the Brooklyn and Olympia were abreast of Beaver Tail light, Fort Greble opened for the first time. The fleet escaped, if such was the idea, toward Block Island.

During the battle the smaller craft were in squadron formation to seaward and did not attempt to enter the harbor. The Puritan and Indians were not seen. As there was no time for communication between the shore and the ships, the navy officers claim that the fleet was a mystery. The army claims that not only would its guns have swept the ships, but its mines would have wrecked some of them in the narrow channel, so that escape would have been impossible for any that reached the harbor.

THE BROOKLYN LED.

She Was Made the Target for the Searchlights.

Newport, R. I., Sept. 5.—The ships waited three hours after dark before again attempting an engagement with the defenses of Narragansett bay. Three rockets in rapid succession were sent up from Point Judith, but the ships did not come into view from Newport until the leading vessel, the cruiser Brooklyn, was discovered in the line between Beaver Tail light and Brenton's reef lightship. She was immediately made the target of the searchlights, and she shot the first gun on shore was fired.

Two 10-inch disappearing rifles on Fort Wetherill were the first to speak. The Brooklyn made no reply, except to show her searchlights, which she sent full in the eyes of the gunners on Fort Wetherill. The cruiser was a magnificent sight as she came up the harbor full in the light of the four or five searchlights, with her battle flags flying from her masts.

Fighting Was at Close Quarters.

By the time the Brooklyn was abreast of Fort Wetherill the gunners on that fortification had forsaken the big guns and taken up the secondary battery. It was then that the Brooklyn began to speak. This was at ten o'clock, and for half an hour afterward there was one continuous roar both from ships and forts. The fighting was at close quarters, so that nothing but rapid-fire guns could be used. Every ship sent volleys in sheets of flame while all along the shore of Fort Wetherill on the left, and Fort Adams on the right, there was a continuous cannonade. The Brooklyn reached the head of the harbor at 10:30, and the battleships were well inside a few minutes later.

The battle was one of the most spectacular affairs ever seen in this vicinity, and the roar shook Newport to its foundations.

The attacking ships kept up the harbor until they were almost under the walls of Fort Adams and nearly abreast of the torpedo station. They appeared to anchor, and every one thought that the fight was at an end. Within half an hour the five vessels suddenly steamed out of the harbor in the same formation as that in which they came.

The battle-to-night is considered by unofficial observers here to be a decided victory for the navy.

The Apostrophe Delegate.

Rome, Sept. 6.—On account of the impossibility of securing berth for Manila at an earlier date, Mgr. Guidi, apostrophe delegate to the Philippines, will sail from Marseilles October 15, and is due to arrive at Manila November 14.

President Will Not Visit Colorado.

Colorado Springs, Col., Sept. 6.—Philip B. Stewart, an intimate friend of President Roosevelt, on Friday denied the report that the president intended to visit Colorado soon for a hunting trip.

To Be Sold Into Servitude.

Shelbyville, Ky., Sept. 6.—Fisher Millen, a negro, tried before Judge Davis in the county court, has been found guilty of vagrancy and sentenced to be sold into servitude for a period of 18 months, the highest penalty.

The Washington Ancestral Home.

London, Sept. 6.—The Daily Chronicle says that a wealthy American has purchased Salgrave manor, Northamptonshire, the ancestral home of the Washington family.

THE LAST OF WM. BARTHOLIN.

The Muted Chicago Murderer Commits Suicide at Riceville, Ia., Leaving a Confession.

Chicago, Sept. 8.—The body of a man thought to be William Bartholin, murderer of his mother and sweetheart in Chicago two weeks ago, was found Saturday in a field near Lowther, Ia., 200 miles from Chicago.

A bullet hole in the head and a revolver on the ground beside the body showed how he had died. In the pocket of the man's coat was a letter confessing to the murder, of his mother and Miss Minnie Mitchell. The confession was dated August 31, and in it the writer declares that he killed his mother, Mrs. Anna Bartholin, for her money, and later murdered his sweetheart, Miss Minnie Mitchell.

All others who have been arrested in the case are exonerated in the confession, although Bartholin accuses Minnie Mitchell of being a party to the plot to murder his mother.

The murder of Mrs. Bartholin, the confession of the murderer, and the confession to a plot arranged between the two lovers, and later Bartholin killed Miss Mitchell.

The confession explicitly states that Thompson, Claffy, and Counselman, the other suspects, their names are mentioned in the order given—are guilty of no complicity in the murder.

Letters signed "M. M." the initials of Minnie Mitchell, Bartholin's murdered fiancée, also were found in the suitcase of the murderer.

A verdict of suicide was returned by the coroner's jury.

BODY IDENTIFIED.

A Brother of Minnie Mitchell and Chicago Detective Identify It.

Riceville, Ia., Sept. 8.—The body which was buried here Saturday morning, and which is believed to be that of William Bartholin, was exhumed Sunday afternoon and positively identified as that of the Chicago double murderer. The identification was made by William Mitchell, a brother of one of Bartholin's victims, and Detective Andrew Rohan, of Chicago, who arrived here Sunday afternoon from Chicago.

A. J. Casey, of Chicago, who came here with Detective Rohan, cut out the lower jaw of the dead murderer, which figured so largely in the description sent broadcast throughout the country for purposes of identification. The jaw will be taken to Chicago for further examination.

Bartholin's body was found last Friday afternoon about six miles from Riceville, as told in the press dispatches Saturday night, by J. G. Pratt, a resident of Riceville. Mr. Pratt was driving to Elma, and when passing a field saw a body lying against a stack of fax. Thinking it was a man asleep he paid no attention, but on returning he found the man still there, and upon investigation discovered he was dead, with a revolver lying beside his left hand.

Coroner T. R. Carpenter was notified and the body removed to an undertaking establishment at Riceville. There J. B. McCook, editor of the Riceville paper, discovered that the dead man was a striking resemblance to the published pictures of the Chicago murderer. Inquiry here developed that Bartholin came to Riceville August 6, before the bodies of Mrs. Bartholin and Miss Mitchell were discovered. Thomas Phoe, a contractor of Howard county, followed the Great Western road, advertised for some railroad laborers on August 15, offering free transportation to the work. Among those who responded was Bartholin, who hired under the name of George Edwards. He was at the construction work about half a day and has since been working on a threshing machine and in the harvest fields until last Sunday morning, when he was last seen leaving Riceville in the direction of the place his body was found.

THE CONFESSION.

The Murderer Exonerates All Who Are Under Arrest.

Riceville, Ia., Sept. 8.—The text of the confession left by the suicide as made public by Dr. T. R. Carpenter, coroner of Howard county, follows: "To whom it may concern: I want to state I am the Bartholin the police are looking for. Also wish to certify I had no assistance of any kind from any one. Thompson, Claffy and Counselman are all as innocent as an unborn child and should be freed at once."

"I can not go into details in regard to the crimes. They were not planned. It was all Minnie and I could do. My mind is wandering. Such a drop in life in a short time. Two months ago traveling in the best of company; to-day living the life of hoboes; a murderer."

"I intended to go into details and tell all, but I can't get my mind centered. Even my handwriting is disorganized."

"But above all things, I ask to clear everybody from under suspicion. There is no second party; I am the last."

"W. J. BARTHOLIN."

BRITISH BRIEVITIES.

Britain has 16 different orders of distinction.

The late duke of Sutherland is said to have left 92 wills.

In Edinburgh printing houses there are over 200 female compositors.

The lord chief justice may exercise the office of coroner in any part of England.

The stone of the observatory at Greenwich, which weighs 20 tons, is made of paper.

The biggest laundry in London has seven miles of drying lines, all under cover. Eighty thousands pieces can be dried at once in the space of half an hour.

The bank of England is empowered by its charter to sell any goods of merchandise upon which it has advanced money, and which have not been redeemed.

Dorchester (England) town council has been presented with a carved chair made out of oak from the bed of the river Dorchester, a century ago. The chair was a medal for its maker at the 1881 exhibition.

My Strangest Case

BY GUY BOOTHBY.

Author of "Dr. Kibbe," "The Secret of the White Devil," "Pharos," "The Egyptian," etc.

PART II.—CONTINUED.

Without more ado, like men who were drunk with the finest wines, they followed him along the passage and up the steps into the open air. They were just in time to see the water setting blood-red behind the jungle. While the fact that their servants were not at the camp to anticipate their return was certainly suspicious, he was still as convinced as ever that the man he had seen slipping through the ruins was no human, but a true son of the celestial empire.

Worn out by the excitement of the day, Kitwater anaesthetized the servants for not having been there to prepare the evening meal, but while he and Hay